



Sexual Assault

Sexual assault is a crime. It is defined as intentional sexual contact characterized by use of force, threats, intimidation, and abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual assault includes rape, forcible sodomy, and other unwanted sexual contact that is aggravated, abusive, or wrongful (including unwanted and inappropriate sexual contact), or attempt to commit these acts.

As Marines, we are called upon to uphold our core values of honor, courage, and commitment which form the bedrock of our Warrior Ethos. The crime of sexual assault is completely incompatible with who we are as Marines and our role as the Nation's protectors. I will not tolerate this crime and the attitudes which lead to it. All Marines in MACS-4 are to be treated with dignity and respect.

Those who are sexually assaulted are physically, mentally, and emotionally traumatized. Victims who choose to make a restricted report will have their choice honored to the fullest extent. They can be confident that I will safeguard their personal privacy, safety, and dignity. We cannot allow them to become re-victimized by a failure in our handling of the situation. Victims who choose to initiate an unrestricted report, can be assured that I will use all required resources to investigate the crime.

If you or someone you know is a victim of sexual assault, please notify one of the Uniformed Victim Advocates. They are charged with ensuring you get the appropriate support and care you deserve.

Semper Fidelis,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. D. Hicks".

Michael D. Hicks
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